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June 2009



NEXT MEETING
JULY 9, 2009, 1930 HRS

ANNUAL PICNIC
JUNE 6, 1100 HRS.
at Woodley Park, Van Nuys
SEE WEB SITE
FOR DIRECTIONS

ARRL FIELD DAY
JUNE 27.28
HAVE FUN

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THE PREZ SEZ



Hello DX'ers... May is almost done and June is just around the corner. Arnie got another great speaker for May's meeting. Although there was a mix-up with the opening of the room...we managed just the same thanks to Mel – K6XY for opening up his lunch room at work. Thank you Mel! We will be working hard to make sure this sort of thing does not happen again.

June will be our Picnic in the park on Saturday June 6th. Hope you will all come for a day of relaxation, bar-b-que and fun! And don't forget the Raffle!! One great prize we would all like added to our shacks...

I just got confirmation that next years DX Convention hotel room reservations at the Holiday Inn will be taken starting on June 9th at 9:45 a.m. So make your reservations early so you are sure to have a room. These go fast!

Conditions are still up and down for DX'ing. I am finding late night and early a.m. are the best for me. I am wishing all of you the best on your contacts

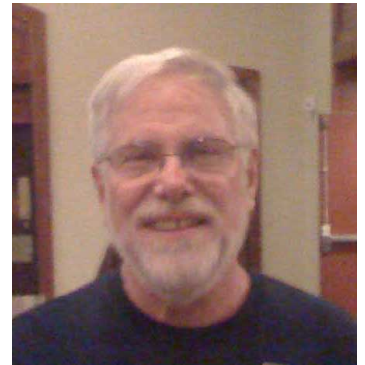
See you at the picnic...Happy DX'ing!

Tom Paquette – N6OT, President SCDXC

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER TOM HENDRICKS K6THH
TOM AND HIS XYL, PAULINE, LIVE IN GLENDALE.**

ARNIE'S BLARNEY FOR JUNE 2009

Our May meeting was filled with surprises. We had another experience of not having access to our meeting room at the Syd Kronenthal Park recreation center building. Fortunately, Mel was able to open his factory dining room in Hawthorne to host the meeting. Bill Scholz, W1HIJ, the featured speaker for the evening, educated us on how to set up a remotely controlled amateur radio station. His expertise was quite evident and I would not be surprised if we have a mini-explosion of remotely controlled stations sprouting up in Southern California as a result of his very interesting and informative presentation. Thanks Bill!



The inability to gain access to our meeting room underlines the need for a more reliable gathering spot. Many club members have expressed an interest in meeting in a restaurant that also has a meeting room. If there are any club members that want to explore that possibility of a different gathering spot by visiting a Carrow's, Sizzler, Denny's, etc in West Los Angeles and finding out what may be available for our club meetings and what the cost would be to the club, please do so and report back to me (n6hc@aol.com) or any other board member (board@scdxc.org).

Welcome to our newest club member, K6THH, Thomas H. Hendricks, from Glendale, California. We also had a visitor at the May meeting – N6ISY, Dick Bruno, who hails from Fountain Valley, CA. I hope he will continue to visit the club and join our ranks. We had about 30 members attending our last club meeting and would have had 15 or 20 more were it not necessary to change the meeting site.

Congratulations to Joe Locascio, K5KT on winning the grand raffle prize, a Kenwood TH-F6A handheld VHF/UHF tri-band transceiver. Other prize winners were Joe - NZ6L, Cathy - K6VC, Mel - K6SY, Doug - W6HB and Tom - W6HT.

The June meeting will be a picnic held in Woodley Park, Grove 1, Van Nuys, California on June 6, 2009 (Saturday) beginning around 11 AM. Please look at the club web site (www.scdxc.org) for more details. The club will provide hamburgers & hot dogs with all the fixins, drinks, chips and a few side dishes. Attendees are encouraged to bring side dishes (Cole slaw, potato salad, chili, etc.) or desserts (pie, cake, cookies, fruit & candy). If you have special dietary needs or wish to have a steak or chicken entrée, please bring your meal and we will cook it for you.

The raffle prize for the picnic is a Palstar 1500 watt AT-Auto antenna tuner which was chosen by a vote of the Board of Directors. There are 123 squares available for purchase at \$10.00 per square. There is an intense interest in this prize and one third of the squares have already been claimed. Please come to the picnic with a healthy appetite and be prepared to purchase several of the remaining squares. This is the Rolls-Royce of antenna tuners.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic.

Arnie N6HC
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CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Louisiana Hams face threat from new Cell Phone Law!
<http://www.legis.state.la.us/billdat...asp?did=653354> HB146 by Rep. Badon,

This bill contains an exemption for Citizens band radios and Citizens Band "HYBRIDS" but not for the Amateur Radio Service and this spells confusion if this is allowed to get into law. N5PZJ, Good in the Call Book. From QRZ.COM

MEMBER IN NEED OF YOUR HELP

Two weeks ago longtime member Keith Lewis, K6LD lost his home to a fire, it was a total loss and there was no insurance. Keith also sustained serious burns, including some third degree. He was hospitalized at Grossman Burn Center in Sherman Oaks for a time. He was temporarily housed by the Red Cross in a motel. His fellow members of the SCDXC have set up a fund and are accepting donations. Donations should be sent to:

The Keith Lewis Fund
c/o Mel Hughes - K6SY
28017 San Nicolas Drive
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Checks should be made payable to "The Keith Lewis Fund". 100% of every donation will go to Keith.

THE EDITOR

Where is the DX?



Well we are heading into summer and we are still at the bottom of the solar cycle, one of the longest lows in a long time. Some say it is an indicator of a low cycle altogether. In any event the next few years have to be better than this. In spite of the poor conditions there have been many decent openings and members are snagging new ones. Congratulations to George, N6VNI.

George just crossed over the DXCC boundary. You are now officially in the DX zone ☺. I hear say that there have been several Southwest Asia stations on 20M from 2200 to 2400 PST. A few are really rare (ET, OD, A61 etc.).

So what do hams do while whittling away the summer doldrums? How about discussing how we can support DXpeditions that go to places needed by SCDXC members? In order to do that we need to start an SCDXC wanted countries list. We can develop a procedure to determine which groups have the highest member demand and then send money to support these groups directly. This serves two needs. First as already mentioned we will support the groups that serve the greatest needs of our membership. Second, it is good publicity for our club. Rather than only supporting NCDXF, which is a good organization in its own right, we promote our club in the DX community. Furthermore if someone wants a say in the whole deal or wants their input considered they would have to join SCDXC! That is another inducement to become a member. OK... It was just a thought... maybe it should go in an editorial column... Hold on! This is the editorial column.

Here is another thought. You know all those wonderful ideas for the newsletter that was proposed by the editor, board and members? How about taking one on? We still need bulletins and stories as far back in SCDXC as we can get. It is a scary thing that only a handful of charter members are still above ground and we have no collective history. Maybe a member could step up and interview the older members. Let's get some of this history in writing before it is lost forever. Just a thought...

I hate to be a broken record but I noticed that few invited a friend to the meeting. We all know a child, grandchild, nephew, niece or a neighbor. Let's get them started on their way! Spend the first few months bringing them up to speed on the hobby and then work towards a license. Make a plan and commitment. When next year rolls around bring them to the convention. With only ten percent success there would be 30 young hamsters in attendance next year. How about sponsoring them? How about donating a station for a youth drawing? How about a North / South competition?

That is really something to compete over. We all started out because someone took the time to work with us. Let's give a little back. We will all benefit.

Finally this is June and you know what happens in June. I hope everyone is planning to attend Field Day somewhere. If you can not help out at least go to the nearest event site and introduce yourself. As Field Day chairman for The United Amateur Radio Club (URAC) in San Pedro I have found it interesting that participation has fallen off fairly steeply. Though it does not directly serve DX it does serve the interests of amateur radio and without the amateur radio service DXing would be limited to listening to the few remaining broadcast and utility stations. More than ever we need to be supporting our local clubs as well. Kudos to those who are already in the mix!

DE Bill N6RV

HR2160

Houston Representative Introduces Amateur Radio Bill in Congress (Apr 30, 2009 [REVISED May 1, 2009 13:37 ET]) -- On Wednesday, April 29, Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX) introduced HR 2160, the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 in the US House of Representatives. This bill, if passed, would "promote and encourage the valuable public service, disaster relief, and emergency communications provided on a volunteer basis by licensees of the Federal Communications Commission in the Amateur Radio Service, by undertaking a study of the uses of Amateur Radio for emergency and disaster relief communications, by identifying unnecessary or unreasonable impediments to the deployment of Amateur Radio emergency and disaster relief communications, and by making recommendations for relief of such unreasonable restrictions so as to expand the uses of Amateur Radio communications in Homeland Security planning and response." The bill has been referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

If enacted into law, HR 2160, would instruct the Secretary of Homeland Security to undertake a study and report its findings to Congress within 180 days. The study would spell out uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio communications in emergencies and disaster relief. The study shall:

Include recommendations for enhancements in the voluntary deployment of Amateur Radio licensees in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts.

Include recommendations for improved integration of Amateur Radio operators in planning and in furtherance of the Department of Homeland Security initiatives.

Identify unreasonable or unnecessary impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio communications -- such as the effects of private land use regulations on residential antenna installations -- and make recommendations regarding such impediments.

Include an evaluation of Section 207 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-104, 110 Stat 56 [1996]).

Recommend whether Section 207 should be modified to prevent unreasonable private land use restrictions that impair the ability of amateurs to conduct, or prepare to conduct, emergency communications by means of effective outdoor antennas and support structures at reasonable heights and dimensions for the purpose in residential areas.

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall utilize the expertise of the ARRL and shall seek information from private and public sectors for the study.

The bill currently has five co-sponsors: Madeleine Bordallo (Guam), Mary Jo Kilroy (D-OH), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO) and Bennie Thompson (D-MS). Representative Thompson currently serves as Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security. Representatives Jackson-Lee, Lofgren and Kilroy are members of that committee.

"We understand that Representative Jackson-Lee was very impressed with the radio amateurs she encountered on a visit to an Emergency Operations Center in Houston during Hurricane Ike last September," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. "We are grateful to her and to the five original co-sponsors for their support of Amateur Radio and the encouragement that their bill offers."

ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, concurred: "We are excited to have Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee introduce HR 2160. It is extremely encouraging to have the support of a number of original co-sponsors -- including several members of the House Homeland Security Committee -- who recognize the importance of Amateur Radio's long history of public service."

Pacific Northwest DX Convention

Dear, to all my old friends.

I'd like to announce to you that one fine DX convention will be held Aug 7th to 9th 2009 at Spokane WA.

<http://mysite.verizon.net/rbfoltz/sdxa/index.htm>

Spokane WA is a very beautiful city of inland empire states and also very successful and has for more than 50 years been sister city with my city Nishinomiya. I've been there many times since my first visit in 1969.

I also very proud to let you know that I will be one of the speakers at this convention. Although I don't know what should I speak about but I will be happy to organize one half hour program.

I recommend, you all might plan for the summer your mini vacation to inland of Pacific Northwest and stop by Spokane for this convention.

Looking forward to see you all there. 73 Elvin Yuji Miura JA3CZY

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Club Contest news

Three members of the SCDXC have earned award recognition for their efforts in the ARRL 2008 Sweepstakes Phone contest.

N6QQ participated in the single operator, unlimited category and made 789 QSOs in 79 sections for a score of 124,662 points. He was the South-western Division leader and plaque winner in his category.

AA6PW participated in the single operator, low power category and made 557 QSOs in 80 sections for a score of 89,120 points. He won the first place certificate for the Orange section in his category.

N6HC participated in the single operator, high power category and made 1,282 QSOs in 80 sections for a score of 205,120 points. He won the first place certificate for the Orange section in his category.

The Southern California Contest Club was the first place finisher, medium club size (44 logs submitted) in the Affiliated Club competition.

Submitted by N6HC



Member Profile K6GEP
Tim Goeppinger
Santa Ana, California

By Arnie Shatz, N6HC
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Tim Goeppinger was born in Pasadena, California in 1961. He grew up in Arcadia, California and attended Maranatha High School. Higher education was pursued at Cal Poly Pomona where he earned a BS degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering in 1985. He moved to Orange County in 1986 and mainly works in the defense industry as a software engineer. Previously, he worked for a couple of years on in-flight entertainment and briefly at a wireless chip startup company. He has been married to his wife Elayne since 1992. When not playing amateur radio, Tim enjoys exercising each week playing high speed badminton at his church.

Tim's interest in amateur radio began with his Uncle Albert, W6FXL (SK) who lived in Escondido. Uncle Albert was a very proficient CW operator who enjoyed participating in weather nets. Tim took a summer school class taught by William Manley, W6LDT, who administered the Novice examination to Tim in 1976. WN6OWD came on the air with a Heathkit DX-60A transmitter and a HR-10 receiver. Tim built his equipment with the help of his father.

His first antenna was a Hy-Gain 18AVT trapped vertical. Technician and General Class licenses quickly followed and Tim became very active on 10 meter SSB and joined Ten-Ten International as member 21149.

Throughout the 1980s, he also participated in the Earthquake Nets on the “earthquake repeater” on 145.46 MHz. He upgraded to Extra Class with encouragement from Bob Poole, AJ6F in 1987 and became K6GEP in 1997. He has served as a Volunteer Examiner.

He joined the Pasadena Radio Club and served as Vice-President in 1984. It was through the radio club that he was introduced to one of his most favorite amateur radio activity – Field Day, where he learned contesting skills from Paul Gordon (N6LL) and Cliff Ford (KB6IA). One of the highlights of Tim’s ham career was participating in the combined Orange County Amateur Radio Club and Western Amateur Radio Association second place national finish in the 2007 Field Day exercise. His first serious contesting effort was in the 1979 ARRL 10 meter contest where he logged 180 QSOs with a Kenwood TS-520S transceiver. Tim volunteered with the Tournament of Roses Radio Amateurs (TORRA) during the Rose Parades from 1986 until it was disbanded in 2005.

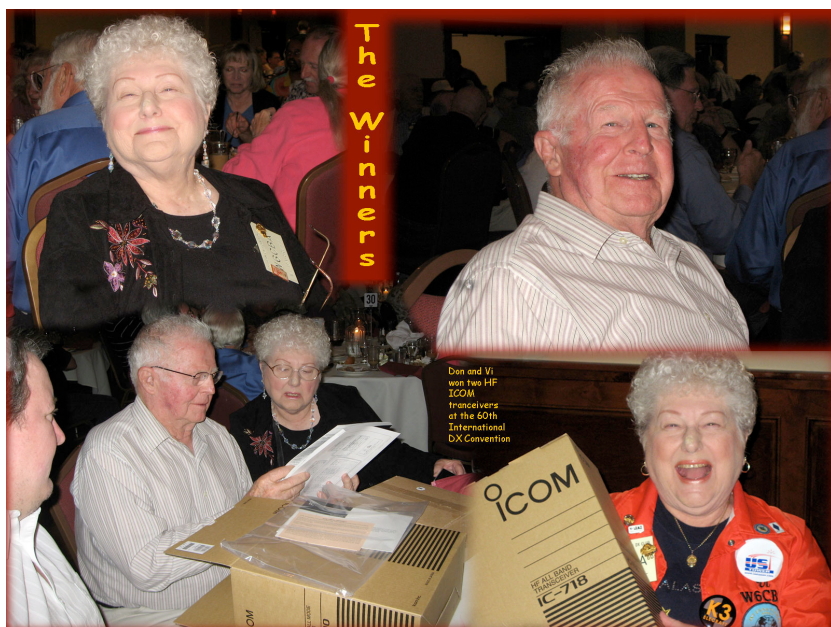
In the mid 1990s he was active on the Russian RS 12/13 satellite. The uplink was 15 meters and the downlink was 10 meters. These were low orbit satellites allowing contacts of several thousand miles. Tim worked about 30 states and some DX through the satellite. One of his fondest memories was contacting his uncle Albert through the “bird.”

He has been a member of the Orange County Amateur Radio Club since 1987. He joined the Southern California DX Club and Southern California Contest Club in 2006.

His favorite radiosport contest is the CQ WW RTTY operating event held each September and his favorite mode is RTTY. He is also a very good CW operator. He has earned many contest certificates participating in the low power classification.

His station presently consists of a Yaesu FT-990 transceiver and a digital interface. He is somewhat antenna challenged using a 10 meter Ringo Ranger vertical, 15 and 20 meter dipoles at 20 feet, an inverted vee at 55 feet for 40 meters and a sloper at 55 feet on 80 meters. He has DXCC (Mixed-177, CW-150, and SSB-150 confirmed) and is very close to DXCC-RTTY. He is a few confirmations short of qualifying for 5BDXCC. He has Worked All States awards on CW, RTTY and Mixed modes.

Tim is unable to attend our monthly meetings due to his work schedule and devotion to the special needs of his wife at home. They were able to join us for the last holiday party.. He is looking forward to being able to break away from his duties long enough to experience the Visalia DX convention at some time in the future.



HAPPY WINNERS

Hello Bill.

I must share with you and the Club, these pictures that my Cousin Don N6IC took, and the whole story on our winning the 2 big prizes. Instead of going to Bubba's we decided to go to Mimi's and have a nice quiet dinner with Don Bostrom N6IC, Scott Bostrom N6??, with Don & I and celebrate our 55th Wedding Anniversary.

On Saturday when Don's call was read "KA6DJK", at the banquet for the Pre-Registration drawing, we were so surprised. Even though Don has been a ham for almost 30 years, this ICOM 7000 is his first HF rig. He's been mostly involved with VHF/UHF/SSTV. So you can see the excitement.

At the DX Breakfast when I heard "W6CBA" read then shock set in. Hi Hi, I really love this ICOM 718. Well, needless to say this has been a memorable experience for us. We have been coming to the DX Convention for 27 years. Who would of thought we would both win major prizes at the same convention. Thank you for letting me show that there is a story behind each WINNER. BY VI BARRETT W6CBA. w6cba@juno.com



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